

NHSC SiteLink

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Uniting Communities in Need
With Clinicians Who Care

Dear NHSC Friends:

We want to hear from you! Tell us about what we are doing right and what we can improve. We want to learn about your technological capabilities as we develop new ways to communicate with you. Specifically, we want to know if you would make use of satellite broadcasts, CD-ROMs, and Web-based resources and interactive sessions. Please e-mail us your feedback at sitelink@matthewsgroup.com.

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

In April, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) will be assigning unmatched Scholars to existing vacancies. During that time, only recruitment opportunities for certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and physician assistants (PAs) will be approved and posted on the [NHSC Opportunities List](#). We encourage sites to continue updating their recruitment needs because vacancies will be posted on an ongoing basis beginning May 1, 2001.

Don't Miss These Opportunities

- The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has funding opportunities available for health centers to expand and improve services during fiscal year 2001. **The deadline for application submission is April 20, 2001.** Read all these opportunities in the Policy Information Notice 2001-08, which is attached to this e-mail.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announced the availability of funds to address the mental health needs of minorities living with HIV/AIDS. **The application deadline is May 21, 2001.** For more information, visit the Web at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>. For applications, call the CMHS Clearinghouse at 1-800-789-2647.
- Volunteers in Health Care is accepting applications for mini-grants for up to \$2,000 in one-time funding for organizations providing medical or dental care for the uninsured. To apply online, go to <http://www.volunteersinhealthcare.org>. Applications can also be obtained by calling 1-877-844-VIHC.
- Call to Protect, a domestic violence prevention project, collects used cell phones and donates them to women in danger of domestic violence. Learn more about this national initiative and how your program can participate at <http://www.wirelessfoundation.org>.

Healthy People 2010: Is Your Community Involved?

Many States, working with community coalitions, are now developing their own versions of *Healthy People 2010*, based on the objectives or leading health indicators outlined in the *Healthy People 2010* campaign. Online resources are available at <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>. In particular, look for the *Healthy People Toolkit*. You can order it online or by calling the Healthy People Information Line at 1-800-367-4725.

Improve Communication and Teamwork at Your Site!

Frustrated by communications problems with coworkers? Want to improve verbal and nonverbal interaction with patients and peers? Improve moral? Through a grant from the BPHC, the National Rural Health Organization (NRHO) is providing 1,000 subscriptions to the *Healthcare Collaborator* (<http://www.healthcarecollaborator.com>) to NHSC sites. NRHO will distribute a password to you. Just log in, fill out the data sheet, and you are all set. You will start receiving an e-mail reminder to let you know when each new issue is available. If you don't receive your password, send an e-mail to henderson@nrharural.org.

Catch These Cable TV Programs on Nurse-Midwifery!

Discovery Health Channel will air two programs on nurse-midwifery this spring. Check your local cable listings for the channel in your area.

Anne's Story: Labor of Love

What does a nurse-midwife do? Follow a patient's pregnancy as another new healthy life is brought into the world through an individualized, natural birthing experience. The airdate is May 18, 2001, at 12:30 a.m. eastern time.

Midwives and Doulas

Learn about the ancient tradition of Doulas and the role of midwives in hospitals across the country as these dedicated clinicians enjoy an increase in demand for their services from mothers during labor and delivery. The program will air April 16, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. eastern time. It also will air on May 24, 2001, at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. eastern time.

Who's Who in the NHSC Community

We need your help in finding stories about NHSC communities and clinicians that have made a difference in the health of the underserved. We also want to hear about your colleagues who have a unique approach to providing care. Send us your e-mail with your suggestions at sitelink@matthewsgroup.com.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 31–June 3, 2001, Washington, D.C. The National Multicultural Institute's 16th annual national conference, Creating a National Agenda: Multicultural Partnerships for Change. For information, call (202) 483-0700 x 227, or visit the Web site at <http://www.nmci.org/confer.htm>.
- June 18–21, 2001, Orlando, Florida. Third National Conference on Women. A Generational Journey: Women Carrying the Vision Common Issues, United Voices. Call (301) 443-5184.
- June 21–23, 2001, Washington, D.C. Communities in Action: Pursuing Better Health for More People for Less Money. This is the largest gathering of communities working on reaching 100% access and 0 health disparities. For a registration packet, call (202) 661-8874.